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SUBJECT: LOCKHEED MEDIA COVERAGE--FEB. 20

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1. MAIN STORIES WERE MIKI, MIYAZAWA FEB. 19 PRESS CONFERENCES AND REACTION TO THEM. ALL FEB. 20 AM PAPERS FRONTPAGED MIKI'S STATED DETERMINATION CONDUCT FULL INVESTIGATIONS, OBTAIN ALL INFORMATION EVEN IF USG RELEASE OF NAMES OF IMPLICATED GOJ OFFICIALS DAMAGED GOVT., LDP. SAME FRONTPAGES HOWEVER ALSO CARRIED REPORTS OF FONMIN MIYAZAWA QUALIFYING GOJ'S INTENTIONS RE NAMES IF OBTAINED: GOJ WOULD PROBABLY NOT RELEASE NAMES RIGHT AWAY IN ORDER AVOID UN-NECESSARY DAMAGE TO INVESTIGATIONS, PEOPLES' REPUTATIONS, USG INVESTIGATIONS. INSIDE PAGES CARRIED REPORTS OF OPPOSITION'S DETERMINATION FORCE RESUMPTION BUDGET COMMITTEE LOCKHEED HEARINGS THROUGH BOYCOTT. SECOND ATTEMPTS BY LDP TO CONVINCE OPPOSITION DIET STEERING COMMITTEE VICE CHAIRMEN TO SUPPORT FORMATION OF SELECT DIET COMMITTEE ON LOCKHEED TO ENABLE NORMAL DIET BUSINESS CONTINUE REPORTED AS FAILURE.

2. PM NEWS REPORTS APPARENT CONTRADICTORY INTERPRETATIONS OF GOJ POLICY RE RELEASE OF NAMES. AFTER FIRST SESSION OF CABINET LIAISON COUNCIL, TODAY MIYAZAWA REITERATED TO PRESS THAT NAMES, IF OBTAINED, WOULD NOT BE RELEASED PENDING INVESTIGATION.

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COUNCIL CHAIRMAN IDE, HOWEVER, SAID THAT COUNCIL HAD AGREED TO GENERAL PRINCIPLE OF PROMPT RELEASE EXCEPT IN SPECIAL CASE.

3. SECRETARY SIMON'S APPEARANCE AT SENATOR PROXMIRE'S BANKING COMMITTEE HEARINGS WAS MAIN ITEM FROM U.S. IN FEB. 20 NEWS. PROXMIRE'S STRESS ON RELEASING NAMES OF IMPLICATED FOREIGN OFFICIALS AND SIMON'S REPORTED INABILITY, UNWILLINGNESS DO SO WAS MAIN ITEM NHK NOON NEWS AND EVENING EDITIONS. REACTING TO SIMON'S NEGATIVE POSITION, GOJ SOURCE QUOTED AS DECLARING NO CHANGE IN GOJ'S INTENTION TO PURSUE USG ON NAMES. PM PAPERS ALSO REPORT DIET STEERING COMMITTEE AGREEMENT ON SENDING DIET LOWER HOUSE APPEAL FOR RELEASE OF NAMES TO US SENATE OPPOSITION, LDP DISAGREE ON MODE OF TRANSMISSION, LDP FAVORING DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS, OPPOSITION WANTING LOWER HOUSE DELEGATION.

4. FEB. 20 EDITORIALS ON LOCKHEED ALL FOCUSED ON MIKI PRESS CONFERENCE AND URGED SUPPORT FOR HIS FULL-SCALE INVESTIGATION OF AFFAIR. ALSO SURFACING WAS FAMILIAR UNDERTONE CRITICIZING MIKI FOR LACK OF DETERMINED LEADERSHIP.  
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